

RATE LAW FIGHT BEGUN BY ROADS

Suit Filed at St. Paul Attacks Reduction of Terminal Charges.

At last the railroads have taken the initial steps toward a test of the Hepburn rate law in the courts.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has been apprised of the filing of notice of suit at St. Paul, in the Federal Circuit Court, with the leading roads entering Chicago back of the proceeding. An injunction is sought to restrain the commission from the enforcement of a decision it recently handed down in which it reduced from \$2 per car to \$1 the terminal charge at Chicago on livestock shipments.

This is the first attempt on the part of the railroads since the Hepburn law went into effect to nullify by legal proceedings an order of the commission.

It is alleged by the railroads that the reduced charge imposed by the commission is unreasonable and confiscatory. The direct question whether the rate law is constitutional is not raised so far as the commission is apprised, but it is expected by the officials that it will be.

Judge S. H. Cowan, of Texas, attorney for the cattle growers of the Southwest, has been retained by the commission as special counsel. Judge Cowan, who is in Washington, will depart today for St. Paul, where the case will be heard May 14.

In view of the fact that the roads are now taking steps, so shippers allege, to increase rates, the beginning of the suit at St. Paul is looked on not only as the first step toward testing the new law, but as the beginning of a series of struggles in the courts and before the commission over the question whether the rates shall be shopped up.

GOSPEL MISSION CELEBRATES TOMORROW

The workers and friends of the Gospel Mission, located at 1230 Pennsylvania avenue, are looking forward to its second anniversary, which will be observed tomorrow by three special services.

The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock in the Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church South, Ninth and K streets northwest, of which the Rev. J. Howard Wells is pastor; the afternoon service will be held at 2 o'clock in the Mission Hall, 1230 Pennsylvania avenue, and the evening service will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the Fifth Baptist Church, on E street between Sixth and Seventh streets southwest.

At each of these services John G. Hallmond, superintendent of the Bowery Mission, New York, will speak, and the Baltimore Gospel Trio will sing.

In addition at the morning service the Rev. J. Howard Wells will speak; S. M. Croft, the secretary of the Gospel Mission, will tell of the work of the last year; H. D. Gordon will report on the finances; Mr. Tyson will sing a solo, "The Prodigal's Return," and Mrs. Madison Clark, the soloist of the Gospel Mission, will sing "Are Your Wires All Up."

At the afternoon service in the mission, brief addresses will be made by Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, the Rev. Thomas O. Crouse, the Rev. Robert J. Bateman, superintendent of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Rescue Mission, and others. At the evening service the Mission Choir will be supported by the Capitol Orchestra, under Frederick C. Grass, an address of welcome will be made by the Rev. Weston Bruner.

The mission is under the management of an executive committee, composed of George W. Wheeler, chairman; Samuel M. Croft, secretary; Henry D. Gordon, treasurer; Capt. J. S. Morshaw, A. H. Tyson, H. W. Mariatt, H. W. Kline, R. C. Pitts, W. H. Evans, and J. C. Munaster.

ILL WOMAN KILLS SELF BY TAKING CHLOROFORM

HYATTSVILLE, Md., May 8.—After brooding over her health for a long time, having been forced to resign a Government position, Miss Alice Peyton, fifty-four years of age, committed suicide by taking chloroform. She had been living at the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard P. Whiteley, at East Hyattsville. She was seen by members of the household to enter her room. Shortly afterward they knocked on her door, and finding no response, forced it open and found the body on the bed with the empty chloroform bottle nearby. Justice A. H. Eahler returned a verdict of death by suicide.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ART CLUB ELECTS NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. John Croissant was elected vice president and Mrs. W. G. Poote secretary, of the Columbia Heights Art Club, at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Sarah Wollhauser. The chair was occupied by Mrs. E. F. Ayres. Two members, Mrs. Robert Bear and Mrs. A. S. Wheeler, were admitted to the club. Parliamentary drill to familiarize the members of the club with parliamentary procedure was held under the direction of Mrs. Cornelius Cissel. The next meeting will be held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Hyde.

MISSING MAN CAN'T BE FOUND.

A search of all hospitals and other retreats has failed to give the police any clue to the whereabouts of Henry E. Smith, a telegraph operator, who disappeared from his home, 134 Vermont avenue, last Saturday. Mrs. Smith fears that her husband may have met with foul play, but the police are inclined to the theory that he has left the city.

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GIRL'S FATHER SPANKS ELOPER IN STREET

NEW YORK, May 8.—Charles Allers, aged nineteen, of Brooklyn, was arrested last night on a charge of grand larceny, but not until he had been soundly spanked by David Kalish, with whose daughter, Lillian, Allers disappeared some time ago.

Allers was sent to deposit a check and \$100 in cash by his employer, W. R. Bask. The check was deposited, but Allers and the cash disappeared. Lillian Kalish, seventeen years old, of Brooklyn, vanished at the same time. Her father suspected that he had gone away with Allers.

Last night he met the couple on the street. Turning his daughter over to his son for safe keeping, he spanked Allers until a policeman, attracted by the unusual sight, came up. He knew that a charge had been lodged against Allers, and took him to the stationhouse.

RAT BITES OFF TOE OF SLEEPING BABY

CATSKILL, N. Y., May 8.—A two-pound rat jumped into a crib, in which was sleeping the three-months-old child of Tony Descue, and bit off the little toe of the right foot before the terrified mother could come to the rescue. Mrs. Descue closed the bedroom door and held the rat captive until her husband killed it with a poker.

TWO WOMEN KILLED BY RUSSIAN FANATICS

ST. PETERSBURG, May 8.—Two women were killed and fifty men and women injured today in an attempted massacre of Baptists, planned by priests of the Orthodox church in the Novokhoperski district of Voronezh province.

The Baptists were invited to a conference, and upon arrival found the members of the Orthodox church armed. The local priest led the onslaught. The Baptists were unarmed and unable to resist. The assailants struck men and women alike.

The Baptists were pursued to their homes, and the lighters continued their attack, and killed all the stock and destroyed the crops of the Baptists.

MINERS REACH AGREEMENT FOR SOUTHWESTERN FIELDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 8.—After weeks of conference a settlement of the difficulties between the United Mine Workers of America and the operators of the Southwest has been reached. The general scale committee will meet in Kansas City next Wednesday to ratify the work, and then a convention of the miners will be called.

Thirty-five thousand miners in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas have been on strike since April 1, pending the completion of a new contract. The contract is now drawn will stand for two years.

BEAUTY IN COURT TO SEE THE SIGHTS

For a time one would have thought a beauty show was being held in the Police Court yesterday. Beauties tall and beauties short, beauties trim and beauties chie, glided into Judge Kimball's court room shortly before noon, watched the proceedings with awe and interest and then departed.

This bevy of beauties came from the National Park Seminary, at Forest Glen. After they visited the Police Court, they went to the City Hall to watch the proceedings. They captivated everyone.

POSTAL CONVENTION WITH NETHERLANDS

Officials of the Postoffice Department have signed a parcel post convention with the Netherlands, to become effective on July 1. No parcel worth more than \$50 will be accepted by either country from the other. The maximum weight is four pounds and six ounces. Postage must be prepaid in full at the point of mailing.

Twelve cents will be charged for the transmission of every pound or fraction of a pound transmitted from the United States. A delivery charge of 5 cents will be made in this country after the package has been received by the postoffice.

POISON EATERS CAUGHT FOR DR. WILEY'S TESTS

Poison eaters are wanted by "Pure Food" Wiley, of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, who seeks information as to the deleterious effects of popular headache remedies with which the market is now being flooded.

It is understood that through the employment bureau of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Wiley has obtained four daring, death-defying recruits. He is said to want eight more, because his experiments with headache cures may possibly have a tendency to thin the ranks of his old force. In his other experiments with the "borax squads" and "poison platoon," Dr. Wiley used as subjects a dozen healthy clerks, who were willing to board on doctored victuals at the expense of the Government and in the interest of science.

Dr. Wiley is now in Philadelphia. It is understood he will begin work with his new squad in the next ten days.

PICTURE MEN MUST QUALIFY.

Moving picture operators in the District will have to qualify as experts, before they can follow their calling here. A regulation has been promulgated by the Commissioners requiring the operators to obtain certificates before they can work. Chief Bell has prepared a draft of the proposed certificate bearing the regulations on the reverse side, and this has been approved by the Commissioners.

LOSES \$440 AT POOL; POLICE SEEK WINNERS

Charged with permitting gambling on his premises, Arthur L. Lipscomb, proprietor of a pool room on the second floor of 211 Seventh street northwest, was arraigned in the Police Court this morning. He was released on bond, and the case continued in order to give the police an opportunity to find some trace of two white men who are said to have swindled Conrad P. Heins, a visitor in the city, out of \$440.

Conrad, who is stopping at 2611 Cambridge place northwest, told the police that he was approached by a man, who told him he was a stranger in the city, and that he came to Washington to participate in a pool match. Heins agreed to give him a practice game. Heins consented to accompany him. The two played several games. They were joined by a third man, who suggested playing for 50 cents. It wasn't long before Heins was out \$30.

After that they played a game for \$1 a point and when it was over, the men declared Heins had won. Before paying him \$30, however, they wanted him to show that he had sufficient money to pay the bet if he had lost. He displayed a draft for \$30, and the men told him to get it cashed.

ENTERTAIN TONIGHT IN AID OF CHARITY

An attractive program is announced by Miss Ida A. Green, of the Associated Charities, for the entertainment to be given by the Washington Readers' Club this evening at the Church of Our Father, for the benefit of the city's poor.

Among those who will appear is Prof. Robert I. Fulton. Fulton was for two years president of the National Speech Arts Association, and is at present the dean of the School of Oratory at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The program follows: Violin solo, serenata, J. Riley Stanton; "The Miller's Bill," (May Isabelle Plake), Miss Bertha Frances Wolfe; "Wen de Polka is Gone," Mrs. Bertha M. Tilden; (a) "The Fate of Virginia," (b) "The Seven Ages of Man," Prof. Charles H. Koster; (a) "The Small Girl Entertains a Caller," Miss Elizabeth R. Walton; (a) Carlotta Mia, William D. McFarland; Robert of Sicily, (b) "Imph-M." W. Alfred Falconer; "Count Gismond," Miss Emma L. Ostrander; "The East-End Symbol," Miss Grace Ross; (a) "The Rose I Gave You," (b) "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," J. Walter Humphrey; "The Soul of the Violin," Miss Maude Belle Rice; "Accidents," Frederick E. Barbour. All money taken in will be used to purchase memberships in Washington's new "40 Club." These memberships will be held by the Washington Readers' Club.

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